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REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is filed in response to the Final Office Action dated April 17, 2007, and subsequent Notice of Appeal filed August 16, 2007. A Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently herewith. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 7, 10, 11, and 17. Applicant further thanks the Examiner for indication of allowable subject matter in dependent claim 26 if combined with base claim 22. Claim 26 has been added to base claim 22 to maintain proper hierarchy in dependency of claims 23-25, which depend directly or indirectly from claim 22. Claim 26 has thus been cancelled. Claims 1-6, 8, 12-14, 20, and 21 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to place the application in condition for allowance. Claim 9 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 7 and should be allowable on that basis. Claims 15 and 16 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 10 and should be allowable on that basis. Claims 18 and 19 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 17 and should be allowable on that basis. Claims 7, 9-11, 15-19, and 22-25 are pending in the application. No new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing, favorable reconsideration of all claims with a view towards allowance is respectfully requested.

Should there be any remaining issues that may be resolved by telephone to expedite allowance, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at 215.979.1554.

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